

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



## CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

### DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

**CONTRACT NO:** DCRL-2013-R-0080  
**CAPTION:** Foster Youth Academies  
**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** First Star Greater Washington, LLC  
**AGENCY:** Child and Family Services Agency

### FINDINGS

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has a need for a contractor with an established record, located in the District to provide youth support services throughout the academic year, and educational opportunities that are college-focused, residential programs with monthly follow-up programs to youth in foster care.

**3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

**\$95,500.00**

**4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

- a. Children in foster care are at risk of missing the benefits of success gained through higher education. Nationwide it is estimated that 24% of the youth will achieve a college degree; however, only 3% of the youth in foster care will achieve a college degree.
- b. First Star is a not for profit based in the District of Columbia. Through its Foster Youth Academies program, First Star offers college-focused residential programs located *on college campuses* with monthly follow-up programs, which include academic support, youth support services, enrichment and encouragement to help them prepare for and enter two- and four-year colleges; and laying a foundation to improve the likelihood that these youth will seek and attain higher education, good jobs, personal wellbeing, career advancement, and economic independence.

- c. First Star has already established this program in Los Angeles and the state of Rhode Island, since 2011 and 2012, respectively. The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services endorsed the Academy as a way to afford foster youth "opportunities that would otherwise not be available".

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

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Date

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Director  
Brenda Donald

**6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Contracting Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Chief Contracting Officer

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Procurement Officer